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1998-1999 JAPANESE POWDERED EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

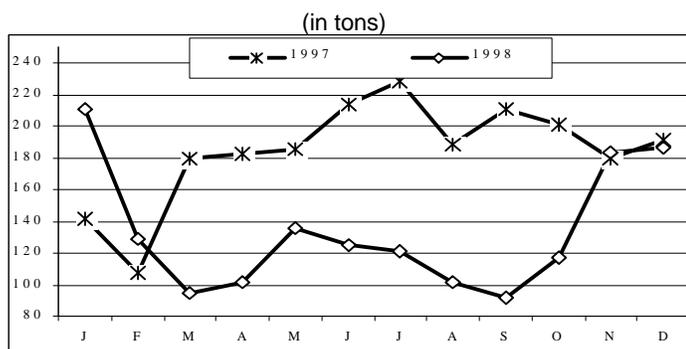
Month	Powdered			Total
	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	
1998				
January	133.7	192.2	598.4	924.3
1998 To-Date	133.7	192.2	598.4	924.3
1999				
January	200.2	269.1	912.5	1381.8
1999 To-Date	200.2	269.1	912.5	1381.8

1998-1999 JAPANESE FROZEN EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

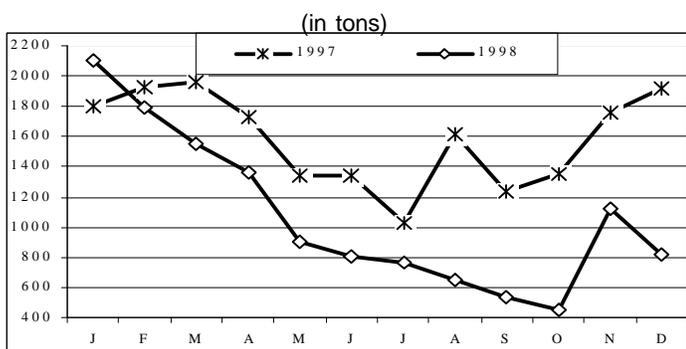
Month	Frozen			Total
	Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	
1998				
January	210.7	1,624.6	272.2	2,107.5
1998 To-Date	210.7	1,624.6	272.2	2,107.5
1999				
January	170.6	1585.1	912.5	2668.2
1999 To-Date	170.6	1585.1	912.5	2668.2

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Japanese Frozen Whole Egg Imports in 1997, 1998



Japanese Total Frozen Egg Imports in 1997, 1998



Source for graphing numbers: ALIC Monthly Statistics

A Look at Agricultural Trade

U.S. agricultural trade surpluses still rank high despite a slow year in 1998, but there is uncertainty for the future. Despite agriculture's trade surplus shrinking to \$15 billion dollars in 1998 it still ranks number two in positive contributors to the U.S. trade balance second only to the aircraft/ship/train industry. Even though there has been some decline lately U.S. agriculture continues to have a trade surplus with Asia of about \$10 billion. Most of this comes from Japan with \$8.8 billion with China and Korea both quite large at \$2 billion and \$2+ billion annually. U.S. agriculture also has enjoyed a large trade surplus with Europe running at about \$2 billion annually, but 1998 brought a \$500 million dollar trade surplus and a trade deficit could be in the near future. The U.S. also had a deficit totaling \$500 million with the Western Hemisphere despite a \$1.5 billion surplus with Mexico.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Exports of Poultry Down, Eggs Increase

The total export value of U.S. poultry and egg exports for January 1999 was \$116.2 million, down 35% from the same month last year. According to the USDA, total broiler volume for January was 154,093 tons, a 23% decline. Total value for the month declined by \$59 million, to \$101.8 million.

Source: WATTNET Home Page/Poultry Tribune 3/29/99

China: Where to Look for the Future

Even though China has seen some better growth in the early nineties than it has over the last couple of years it cannot be overlooked as a major player in the in poultry meat and egg production market. With plenty of room for further expansion and per capita consumption projected to increase in 1999 China will likely be a major global competitor in the future.

Source: Poultry International March, 1999

Poultry and Egg Statistics on China

	1995	1996	1997	1998(p)	1999(f)
Poultry meat ('000 metric tons in ready-to-cook equivalents)					
Broiler meat output	4770	5439	5682	5933	6364
All poultry meat output	9441	10836	11314	11765	12385
Poultry meat exports	328	332	420	390	410
Poultry meat imports	625	650	780	740	760
Poultry consumption	9644	11064	11586	12060	12650
	(kg/person)				
Poultry consumption	8.1	9.2	9.5	9.8	10.2
Eggs (billion eggs)					
Egg output	302	313	336	345	359
Egg consumption	297	306	329	337	352
	(number/person)				
Egg consumption	249	255	271	275	285

(p) - provisional, (f) - forecast

Source: USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending April 03, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	293	57	3,334	2,922
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	41	147	170
Total	293	98	3,487	3,142

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending April 03, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	30	100	1,078	1,143
Frozen	0	0	82	99
Dried	0	2	10	13
Total	30	102	1,170	1,255

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

	Week Ending April 03, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	30	0	116	28
Extra Large	1,060	800	6,927	4,905
Large	229	6,370	22,688	20,047
Medium	950	390	11,351	11,445
Ungraded	6,690	7,669	61,289	32,377
Misc	0	0	900	990
Total	8,959	15,229	103,271	69,792

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 03-Apr-99
PRELIMINARY

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,271	1,345	3,616
LAST WEEK	2,026	1,398	3,424
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,075	1,064	3,139
TO-DATE/1999	28,005	17,298	45,303
TO-DATE/1998	25,887	16,128	42,015

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	462	4	466
LAST WEEK	460	0	460
SAME WEEK YR AGO	531	8	539
TO-DATE/1999	6,316	114	6,430
TO-DATE/1998	7,208	112	7,320

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,733	1,349	4,082
LAST WEEK	2,486	1,398	3,884
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,606	1,072	3,678
TO-DATE/1999	34,321	17,412	51,733
TO-DATE/1998	33,095	16,240	49,335

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. April 09, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00	
WTD AVERAGE			14.00	
40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-11.75	-	7.00-12.00	12.50
WTD AVERAGE	10.29		9.68	12.50
1,425,600 pounds, this includes 122,400 pounds for export shipment.				

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. April 09, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-16.00	-	17.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.11		17.00	
725,000 pounds, this includes 250,000 pounds for export shipment.				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.00			
35,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	-	9.50-14.25	13.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.00		12.56	13.00
1,065,940 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

APRIL 09, 1999

Undertone about steady on fresh tom breast meat with premiums noted for prompt shipments while others call offerings adequate to fully adequate for current shipment. Trading noted on frozen tom breast meat 195 cents delivered May-June with fresh inquiry noted for the same time frame. Market barely steady to weak on frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST), fresh mixed, tom 2-joint wings improved. Some Midwest processors note improved interest on fresh MST, while others call demand slow and question any strength. Tenderloins: fresh 140, frozen +6 months 128. Hen necks (2 containers) 16 cents delivered port.

FRIDAY, APRIL 09, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-19.00		16.54	224	16.93	324
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	24.00	30	24.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.50		18.50	728	18.04	1,248
TAILS		R	22.50	80	22.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	13.00	160	13.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	40.00-42.00		41.16	248	41.37	1,115

THURSDAY, APRIL 08, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	60
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.40	520
TAILS	22.50		22.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	39.00-42.50		41.42	720

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 07, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.52	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00-42.00		41.46	147

TUESDAY, APRIL 06, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.52	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	42.90	1,508

MONDAY, APRIL 05, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	18.20	100
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.52	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	42.90	1,508

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.